

with the DOD's own admission that with higher funding levels they could complete destruction of Pueblo a full 5 years earlier than that. There is not a single advantage to drawing the process out to 2022 or later. Construction costs only rise, and the security risks do not fade.

We are obliged not only by treaty but by our responsibility to communities that neighbor these installations to do a better job.

I thank Senator ALLARD for his leadership on this issue. I thank my colleagues from Kentucky for their hard work and leadership. The citizens of Kentucky and Colorado are watching closely. I am certain all Americans would like us to fulfill our treaty obligations by destroying these chemical weapons as quickly and safely as possible.

When amendment No. 2061 comes before the Senate for a vote, I respectfully urge my colleagues to join us in support of that amendment.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO LADY BIRD JOHNSON

Mr. REID. Madam President, inside this desk is the name Johnson of Texas, majority leader. That, of course, is the signature of Lyndon Johnson, who was majority leader, Vice President of the United States, President of the United States. I have the honor of being able to work from this desk.

Lyndon Johnson is a legend from the great State of Texas, the Lone Star State. He was a Member of Congress, U.S. Senator, majority leader, Vice President, and the 36th President of the United States. But just as importantly, for those who know anything about Lyndon Johnson, were not these honors that were bestowed upon him by others but the fact that he married a wonderful woman, Lady Bird Johnson.

What a name, Lady Bird Johnson. Anytime you read about Lyndon Johnson, you have to understand the power of his wife.

Caro's book, "Master of the Senate," has a lot in it about Lady Bird Johnson.

My wife understands, I am sure, a little bit what she went through. In the book, it describes how he would bring people home with little notice for dinner, and it was always available. Mr. Rayburn, the Speaker, came to their home at least once a week for dinner, many times unannounced except by the President calling at the last minute.

Today, America has lost this great woman. The greatest asset Lyndon Johnson had was his wife. I join my

colleagues and all Americans in tribute to this great American woman.

I did not have the good fortune to know Lady Bird Johnson. She died today at age 94. But those who did know her said if you were to look up in the dictionary the term "lady," you would find Lady Bird Johnson's picture. She truly stereotyped a lady.

I believe it is fair to say that you did not have to know Lady Bird Johnson—I did not—to admire her for the causes she championed.

As I said briefly, I have my own special appreciation for Mrs. Johnson because I have some idea of what Landra, my wife, puts up with being married to the majority leader.

He was a domineering personality, her husband. She was, during all of the domination he had—with his poking Senators in the chest and the things he is now legendary to have done—she was always the same graceful woman no matter the situation she found herself in. She was the same person no matter what the situation. She served during challenging, extraordinary times. President Johnson went through some very difficult times. She was always at his side.

She did not ask for the role of First Lady, but she embraced that role with grace and dignity.

As First Lady, she was instrumental in the Highway Beautification Act, which came to be known as "Lady Bird's bill." She had many other initiatives that enhanced our natural world. She was a champion for children with programs such as Head Start. Later in life, her passion continued, most notably in her work opening the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center outside Austin, TX, where she will lie before reaching her final resting place at the Johnson family ranch in Stonewall, TX.

I can think of no better tribute to Lady Bird Johnson than to close with her own words. She said once:

Some may wonder why I chose wildflowers when there is hunger and unemployment and the big bomb in the world.

Well, I, for one, think we will survive, and I hope that along the way we can keep alive our experience with the flowering earth. For the bounty of nature is also one of the deep needs of man.

My thoughts and warm feelings are with her two daughters, Lynda, whom I know quite well, and Luci, whom I know of, and, of course, Lynda's husband, our former colleague, Chuck Robb—who served with such dignity in the Senate; I had the good fortune of being able to serve with this wonderful Senator, great Governor of the State of Virginia, an extraordinary, gallant marine—and Ian, Luci's husband, and Lady Bird's many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved as only a mother and grandmother could love.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I would like to say a word about Lady Bird Johnson.

We have had many graceful First Ladies in the United States, but Lady

Bird Johnson can truly be said to have been the First Lady of America the Beautiful. Her husband used to joke that he would hear rustling in the hall at the White House. It would be, as he would say, Lady Bird and Lawrence Rockefeller meeting to work on conservation projects. Her legacy was the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. She understood that we have a great many important issues in our country but that one of our great characteristics is the beauty of our country. Italy has its art, Egypt has its pyramids, and we have the great American outdoors. Lady Bird Johnson knew that for everybody—not just the wealthy with big homes and big lawns—the beauty of our country was something to preserve. She did that, and she changed our entire national attitude about its importance. She brought out the best in us in terms of appreciating the beauty of America.

I visited the Wild Flower Garden in Austin, TX, before. I have seen the blue bonnets there in the spring, and I have seen how she influenced the flowers to grow in the rights-of-way on Texas highways. They even adopted the motto in Texas "Don't mess with Texas." I am sure that is a legacy of Lady Bird Johnson as well. But not only did flowers begin to grow along the rights-of-way in Texas, they did in Tennessee and in a lot of other places—in States such as Colorado. Lady Bird Johnson has made her mark in our country.

Our family had the privilege of knowing the Johnsons and especially Linda and Luci—Linda married to Chuck Robb, a former Senator. We were good friends. We spent many times together at Governors' conferences, and our children know one another. We express to Linda and Luci and that family our sympathies. We know they have great pride in their mother as well as their father. But we think of their mother tonight as we think of her as the First Lady of America the Beautiful and remember her contributions.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Madam President, more time has passed, and more American troops have lost their lives overseas. I feel very strongly that we should take a few moments in the U.S. Senate to honor them.

Outside my office here in Washington, we have a tribute called "Faces of the Fallen." Visitors to the Senate from across the country have stopped by the memorial. I encourage my colleagues to come see this tribute on the third floor of the Hart Building.

I last came to the Senate floor to honor our fallen troops at the end of May. And between that time and the end of June, the Pentagon announced the deaths of 165 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. I want them to be remembered. So today, I will insert their names into the RECORD:

SPC James L. Adair, of Carthage, TX; SSG Robb L. Roling, of Milton,

MA; SGT Shin W. Kim, of Fullerton, CA; SGT Michael J. Martinez, of Chula Vista, CA; SGT Gianni C. Joya Mendoza, of North Hollywood, CA; SPC Dustin L. Workman II, of Greenwood, NE; PFC Cory F. Hiltz, of La Verne, CA; SGT William W. Crow Jr., of Grandview Plaza, KS; SGT Frank M. Sandoval, of Yuma, AZ; SSG Daniel A. Newsome, of Chicopee, MA; SFC Nathan L. Winder, of Blanding, UT; CAPT Darrell C. Lewis, of Washington, DC; SGT Joel A. Dahl, of Los Lunas, NM; PFC Andre Craig Jr., of New Haven, CT; CPL Derek C. Dixon, of Riverside, OH; SPC Eric C. Palmer, of Maize, KS; SGT Michael J. Montpetit, of Honolulu, HI; PFC Henry G. Byrd III, of Vega, NM; SGT William E. Brown, of Phil Campbell, AL; SPC Dominic N. Rodriguez, of Klamath Falls, OR; 1LT Daniel P. Riordan, of St. Louis, MO; SGT Joel A. House, of Lee, ME; SGT Jimmy M. Malone, of Wills Point, TX; SPC Derek A. Calhoun, of Oklahoma City, OK; SSG Michael D. Moody Jr., of Richmond, VA; SGT Chris Davis, of Lubbock, TX; PVT Shane M. Stinson, of Fullerton, CA; SPC Carter A. Gamble Jr., of Brownstown, IN; PFC Jeremiah J. Veitch, of Dibble, OK; MAJ Sid W. Brookshire, of MO; SSG Darren P. Hubbell, of Tifton, GA; SPC Joe G. Charfauros Jr., of Rota, Mariana Islands; SPC Joseph P. Kenny, of Veneta, OR; SGT Alphonso J. Montenegro II, of Far Rockaway, NY; SGT Ryan M. Wood, of Oklahoma City, OK; PFC Daniel J. Agami, of Coconut Creek, FL; PFC Anthony D. Hebert, of Lake City, MN; PFC Thomas R. Leemhuis, of Binger, OK; A1C Jason D. Nathan, of Macon, GA; SPC Karen N. Clifton, of Lehigh Acres, FL; PFC Raymond N. Spencer Jr., of Carmichael, CA; PFC Jacob T. Tracy, of Palestine, IL; SGT Shawn P. Martin, of Delmar, NY; SSG Stephen J. Wilson, of Duluth, GA; SGT Dustin J. Perrott, of Fredericksburg, VA; SFC William A. Zapfe, of Muldraugh, KY; PFC Joshua S. Modgling, of Las Vegas, NE; SPC Darryl W. Linder, of Hickory, NC; SGT Derek T. Roberts, of Gold River, CA; SPC Val J. Borm, of Sidney, NE; PFC Larry Parks Jr., of Altoona, PA; SGT Richard K. Parker, of Phillips, ME; CAPT Joshua E. Steele, of North Henderson, IL; SFC Christopher D. Henderson, of Hillsboro, OR; SFC John M. Hennen, of Vinton, LA; PFC David A. Wilkey Jr., of Elkhart, IN; 1LT Frank B. Walkup, IV, of Woodbury, TN; SSG Roy P. Lewsader, Jr., of Belleville, IL; SGT Danny R. Soto, of Houston, TX; CPL Zachary A. Grass, of Beach City, OH; PFC Michael P. Pittman, of Davenport, IA; CPL Dustin R. Brisky, of Round Rock, TX; SSG Michael A. Bechert, of New Castle, IN; MAJ Kevin H. Sonnenberg, of McClure, OH; MSG Arthur L. Lilley, of Smithfield, PA; PFC Casey S. Carriker, of Hoquiam, WA; SPC Josiah W. Hollopeter, of San Diego, CA; LTC Glade L. Felix, of Lake Park, GA; SPC Damon G. LeGrand, of Lakeside, CA; LCpl Johnny R. Strong, of Waco, TX; PVT William C. Johnson,

of Oxford, NC; PFC Cameron K. Payne, of Corona, CA; CPL Llythaniele Fender, of Medical Lake, WA; CPL Meresebang Ngraked, of Koror, Republic of Palau; SPC Adam G. Herold, of Omaha, NE; PVT Scott A. Miller of Casper, WY; SGT Cory M. Endlich of Massillon, OH; SSG Brian M. Long of Burns, WY; SGT Charles E. Wyckoff Jr. of Chula Vista, CA; SGT Dariek E. Dehn of Spangle, WA; A1C Eric M. Barnes of Lorain, OH; SFC Greg L. Sutton of Spring Lake, NC; SrA William N. Newman of Kingston Springs, TN; PFC Timothy R. Vimoto of Fort Campbell, KY; SGT Matthew Soper of Kalamazoo, MI; SGT Kimel L. Watt of Brooklyn, NY; PFC Justin A. Verdeja of La Puente, CA; PFC Shawn D. Gajdos of Grand Rapids, MI; SSG Timothy B. Cole Jr. of Missouri City, TX; SSG Juan F. Campos of McAllen, TX; SPC Jacob M. Lowell of New Lenox, IL; SGT Andrews J. Higgins of Hayward, CA; SSG Greg P. Gagarin of Los Angeles, CA; SGT James C. Akin of Albuquerque, NM; SGT Tyler J. Kritiz of Eagle River, WI; SGT Robert A. Surber of Inverness, FL; SGT Caleb P. Christopher of Chandler, AZ; TSgt Ryan A. Balmer of Mishawaka, IN; SSG Matthew J. Kuglics of North Canton, OH; SPC Jeremiah D. Costello of Carlinville, IL; SPC Keith V. Nepsa of New Philadelphia, OH; SGT Charles R. Browning of Tucson, AZ; SGT Shawn E. Dressler of Santa Maria, CA; PFC Joshua D. Brown of Tampa, FL; CWO Christopher M. Allgaier of Middleton, MO; CWO Joshua R. Rodgers of Carson City, NV; SSG Charlie L. Bagwell of Lake Toxaway, NC; SGT Jesse A. Blamires of West Jordan, UT; SGT Brandon E. Hadaway of Valley, AL; SSG Travis W. Atkins of Bozeman, MT; SGT Bruce E. Horner of Newport News, VA; LTC Michael A. Robinson of Sylacauga, AL; SPC Doonewey White of Milpitas, CA; SPC William J. Crouch of Zachary, LA; 1LT Kile G. West of Pasadena, TX; SGT Anthony D. Ewing of Phoenix, AZ; CPL Zachary D. Baker of Vilonia, AR; CPL James E. Summers the 3rd of Bourbon, MO; SPC Alexandre A. Alexeev of Wilmington, CA; SGT Bacilio E. Cuellar of Odessa, TX; SPC James E. Lundin of Bellport, NY; PFC Joshua M. Moore of Russellville, KY; CPL Jonathan A. Markham of Bedford, TX; PFC Matthew E. Baylis of Oakdale, NY; PFC Matthew A. Bean of Pembroke, MA; PFC Robert A. Liggett of Urbana, IL; SGT Richard V. Correa of Honolulu, HI; 1LT Keith N. Heidtman of Norwich, CT; CWO Theodore U. Church, OH; SSG Thomas M. McFall of Glendora, CA; PFC Junior Cedeno Sanchez of Miami, FL; PFC Charles B. Hester of Cataldo, ID; SPC Clinton C. Blodgett of Pekin, IN; LCpl Emmanuel Villarreal of Eagle Pass, TX; SPC Francis M. Trussel Jr. of Lincoln, IL; SPC Mark R. C. Caguioa of Stockton, CA; LCpl David P. Lindsey; SGT Nicholas R. Walsh; SPC Erich S. Smallwood of Trumann, AR; PVT William L. Bailey the 3rd of Bellevue, NE; SPC Alexander Rosa Jr. of Orlando,

FL; SPC Mathew P. LaForest of Austin, TX; SFC Robert E. Dunham of Baltimore, MD; SSG Russell K. Shoemaker of Sweet Springs, MO; CPL Victor H. Toledo Pulido of Hanford, CA; CPL Jonathan D. Winterbottom of Falls Church, VA; PFC Casey P. Zylman of Coleman, MI; SGT Iosiwo Uruo of Agana Heights, Guam; PFC Robert H. Dembowski of Ivyland, PA; SSG Steve Butcher Jr. of Penfield, NY; PFC Daniel P. Cagle of Carson, CA; SPC Benjamin J. Ashley of Independence, MO; SSG Kristopher A. Higdon of Odessa, TX; PFC Robert A. Worthington of Jackson, GA; SSG David C. Kuehl of Wahpeton, ND; SSG Shannon V. Weaver of Ulrich, MO; SGT Brian D. Ardron of Acworth, GA; CPL Michael W. Davis of San Marcos, TX; SGT Robert J. Montgomery Jr. of Scottsburg, IN; PVT Oscar Saucedo Jr. of Del Rio, TX; SSG Joseph M. Weiglein of Audubon, NJ; SGT Eric L. Snell, of Trenton, NJ; SPC Farid Elazzouzi, of Paterson, NJ; PFC David J. Bentz III, of Newfield, NJ; SGT Trista L. Moretti, of South Plainfield, NJ.

Madam President, as you heard, this list includes five soldiers from New Jersey: SSG Joseph Weiglein; SGT Eric L. Snell; SPC Farid Elazzouzi; PFC David J. Bentz III; and SGT Trista L. Moretti.

Staff Sergeant Weiglein was killed after an IED, or "improvised explosive device," blew up while he was on patrol. He was 31.

Sergeant Snell died after his unit came under fire from insurgents in Baghdad. He was 35.

Specialist Elazzouzi was killed by an IED, after it exploded outside his vehicle. He was 26.

Private First Class Bentz was also killed by an IED, after it exploded outside his vehicle. He was 20 years old.

And Sergeant Moretti died of injuries sustained in combat. She was 27.

To date, more than 3,500 American men and women have lost their lives in Iraq. And more than 400 have lost their lives in Afghanistan. We will not forget them and the Nation will not forget their sacrifice.

RESTORING NATIONAL PARKS

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, during the fall of 2006, Mount Rainier, Olympic, and North Cascades National Parks endured incredible devastation from tremendous wind and rainstorms. Mount Rainier National Park received almost 18 inches of rainfall in 36 hours. Rivers and streams all over the park overwhelmed their channels, with floods that exceeded anything the park had experienced in its 108-year history. Olympic National Park experienced a series of Pacific storms that brought significant road and trail damage. North Cascades National Park Complex experienced numerous winter windstorms, which resulted in abnormally large numbers of downed trees over trails and floods causing damage to several roads. The National Park Service estimated that damage to roads,